

## TROOPS GO TO CHECK WOMEN MINE MOBS

Call for Militia Seen as  
Howat Move to Force  
a Shutdown.

## MORE PLANTS RAIDED

Amazons Overawe Officials  
in Kansas and Compel  
Miners to Quit.

## MEN AGAINST SOLDIERS

Those Willing to Work Likely  
to Stop, Thus Aiding the  
Defiant Strikers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 14.—Troops are on the way to the Kansas mine fields to-night and the newest plot of the Howat forces to compel a complete shutdown of the mines may succeed through the failure of the local authorities to cope with mobs of women.

It appeared to-day that the County Attorney and the Sheriff, Milt Gould, had been overawed by the demonstrations conducted by the wives and daughters of striking miners. No effort, apparently, has been made to arrest any of the leaders of the mobs that have gone through Crawford county forcing men to leave their

work in the collieries. The Sheriff and his deputies have been able to offer only feeble resistance, and so the cry has gone up for State troops.

Requests for the troops were made following meetings of some of the local unions, which maintained that their members wanted to work under protection of soldiery. This is believed, however, to be a shrewd move on the part of Howat's supporters. They know there are few miners who will work while national guardsmen patrol the mining district, no matter with which faction of the labor organization they are affiliated.

Van Bittner, representative of John L. Lewis, international president of the mine workers in the Kansas district, is opposed to the calling of troops. He has branded the demonstrations of the women's army as a plot to induce the local authorities to seek the aid of the State.

"No matter how the individual miner may feel regarding matters within the union," Bittner said, "there is behind him fifty years of traditional antipathy toward State militia. The men will not work under the protection of State troops. That's all there is to it."

The women's army was active again this morning, raiding several mines and forcing the miners to leave work. At one or two places their coming had been anticipated and no attempt had been made to operate to-day. Sheriff Gould and a small force of deputies were at Mine No. 49 of the Central Coal and Coke Company, northeast of Frontenac, when the mob arrived. They were brushed aside without making any great effort to stop the demonstration or to arrest the leaders.

Ever since the women's army was mobilized Monday the local police and peace officials have been quiescent. They have seen miners trying to work pelted with stones and beaten; they have seen the women urged on by leaders of the Howat forces. Such actions on the part of those who are keeping the Howat organization going while the deposed leader is in jail, are held by many to constitute a conspiracy in violation of the Industrial Court law, but no steps have been taken to bring Howat's spokesmen into court. Neither has it occurred to Sheriff Gould, as suggested, that he might be able to disperse the poorly organized mobs of women by means of a hose and high pressure stream of water.

Bittner and others who oppose the coming of State troops believe that

greater efforts on the part of the local authorities would bring an end to the chaotic situation and make it needless to call out the National Guard. At the same time the Sheriff has been placed in somewhat of a dilemma by the demands of some of the working miners that they be protected.

## CONSIDER SUBSTITUTE FOR 3 P. C. ALIEN ACT

Suspension of Immigration for  
Three Years Urged.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.

The House Immigration Committee, of which Representative Albert Johnson of Washington is chairman, started consideration to-day on legislation to take the place of the present restriction act, which becomes inoperative on June 30 next. That measure restricts the admission of aliens to this country to 3 per cent. of the number of foreign born in this country reckoned by nationalities as shown by the 1910 census.

The committee had before it for consideration a bill introduced by Representative Johnson (Wash.) providing for the suspension of immigration for three years. However, provision is made in the bill that a citizen of the United States 21 years of age or over may under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, bring into this country or send for "an otherwise admissible wife, or children under 14 years of age," and any alien who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States who has been a resident of the United States for three years may also make application to the Secretary of Labor for the admission of "an admissible husband, wife or children under 16 years of age."

## MARTINIQUE NEGRO WINS GONCOURT PRIZE

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Rene Maran, a young colored author, born on the island of Martinique, French West Indies, has won the annual prize of the Goncourt Academy for the best French novel of 1921. The novel, entitled "Batouala," deals with negro life in Central Africa, the race question and problems and aspirations of the negroes.

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